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The dedication plaque. L to R: Elizabeth Vita-Finzi (Resident Manager of Mandarin Oriental Hotel), Felicia Coutts, Rev. Ruth Hamilton (Chair of CBCC), ANC 6D Commissioner Rachel Reilly Carroll. Back row: Charles Allen (Ward 6 Councilmember-Elect.)

SW Playground Dedication

The dedication of the new SW Playground located next to the SW Library took place on Nov. 1, 2014. Photos by Perry Klein:



Above left, The ribbon-cutting



Above right, Felicia Coutts with the dedication plaque. Felicia led the effort to have the neighborhood playground built.

C100 Challenges Approval of CSX Twin Tunnels in Federal Court

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City (C100) is filing suit to challenge the decision by the Federal Highway Administration and District Department of Transportation to allow for new, twin tunnels, double-stacked trains, and years of hazardous construction in a vibrant, growing community. The decision was announced as a "Record of Decision" (ROD) at the conclusion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) consideration of the CSX plan.

"This decision is unlawful, premature, and problematic," said C100 Vice President Monte Edwards. "The Record of Decision fails to address the severe safety and security impacts the proposed project will have on the immediate community and on Capitol Hill, the constraint on the expansion of passenger and commuter rail service in the District, and the pre-approval by DDOT of the project before any environmental review had been conducted."

Edwards also emphasized that there is no need to rush to judgment on the CSX proposal. The EIS expressly states that the current CSX tunnel has "decades" left of useful service. In addition, Maryland's recent rejection of CSX's proposed double-stacking terminal in Baltimore undercut CSX's primary rationale for building the two new tunnels in the District, as the Baltimore bottleneck remains.

"Issuance of the Record of Decision ends the administrative process, and litigation is the only option to obtain a new EIS that addresses our concerns. Until we have a new EIS, no permits should be granted by the District or federal offi-



From left to right: Natalie Skidmore, DCSafeRail, Meredith Fascett, newly-elected ANC Commissioner for ANC 6D07, Maureen Cohen Harrington, C100 member and Virginia Avenue resident, Monte Edwards, C100 Vice President, and Les Alderman, C100 attorney.)

cials," Edwards concluded.

The C100 filed suit on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Simultaneously with the filing of the Complaint, the Committee filed a motion for a preliminary injunction to prohibit any further action until the District Court for the District of Columbia can rule on whether the Environmental Impact Statement — on which FWH and DDOT were co-lead agencies — violated the National Environmental Policy Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and District law. The C100 is represented by Les Alderman of Alderman, Devorsetz & Hora PLLC. Mr. Alderman can be reached at lalderman@adhllawfirm.com or 202-969-8220.

Blind Whino: The Lifesaving Neighbor

By: Julia Cole

On Friday, Oct. 24th, *The Southwester* held a Halloween-themed party at Blind Whino to raise money for the paper and celebrate with all of Southwest's finest at our quadrant's hottest event space. Residents from all corners of the DC metro area came out in their craziest costumes to show their support for the paper, join in the festivities, and dance the night away. However, even the most defined plans sometimes end in the most unexpected of ways and this event was no exception.

The inspiration for the Halloween blow-out stemmed from Editor-in-Chief Shannon

Vaughn's 30th birthday party, which was held at Blind Whino in Oct. 2013 with a similar theme and a turnout of more than 400 people. When reflecting upon the success of last year's party, it only seemed natural to attempt a repeat performance with the added benefit of raising funds to support *The Southwester*. Blind Whino's superstar duo of Shane Pomajambo and Ian Callendar signed up immediately, even offering the venue at no cost to the paper—a huge help in finding the perfect location.

At this year's event, several different DJs spun tracks from 8 pm 'til midnight while revelers enjoyed dancing and drinks on Blind Whino's

two levels. Catering inside the venue was provided by Chef Nadine of Nutrition Synergies LLC, whose offerings included a variety of mini quiches as well as chicken and waffles, while the Korengy food truck served up Korean tacos outside: all the necessary ingredients to throw a celebration deserving of our 50th anniversary.

But even the best laid plans sometimes fail to reach fruition. To cover the event's expenses (security, bartending fees, catering, etc.) we needed to have less than half of the amount of people that came last year to come and pay the \$10 per person donation as a cover, which was almost an afterthought given last year's

success. All told, less than 125 people showed up. While this did not dampen the partygoers' moods, we knew those missing expenses would come out of our nonexistent savings.

As some realize, the paper is not free to create. While it may be free to our readers, the paper costs roughly 25 cents per issue to print and about \$2,000 total. We operate in the black, but we collect in the red thanks to multiple businesses who have taken out ads and have not paid, some with bills of \$5,000+ outstanding. Needless to say, the paper is hurting, thus our fundraising efforts this year.

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Bruce Levine Chosen as New President of SWNA

At a Special Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board held on November 22, Bruce A. Levine was unanimously elected SWNA President to fill the vacancy of Kael Anderson, who had announced he was stepping down. Levine will serve until the next election and Annual Meeting of SWNA in March 2015. He had been SWNA Vice-President, a position that

will be filled by Perry Klein, who was unanimously elected by the Board. SWNA, which has been actively involved in many aspects of Southwest life under Anderson's leadership, plans to continue to do so and will be taking a fresh look at how it can have maximum impact on behalf of the community.

CBCC Call for Candidates

The Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) is issuing a call for candidates to serve on the council for a two-year term from 2015-2017. Community leadership experience is required to help us strengthen neighborhood partnerships, prioritize community benefit requests, and sustain CBCC funding. Please respond no later than Dec. 10, 2014 at 5:00 pm to fcouts@seswcbcc.org. Successful candidates will be elected by current directors at the CBCC's annual meeting in January 2015 at Westminster Presbyterian Church (exact date and time TBA).

BLIND WHINO

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The \$1,100 we made from the donations given at the door was obviously going to Blind Whino, but we did not expect to owe \$1,200 at the end of a fundraiser. After deliberating our courses of action, Shannon approached Blind Whino with a few options: a structured repayment plan or volunteering to make up for the difference.

Without hesitation, Shane and Ian said, "Keep it all. We are supporters of the paper and of this neighborhood! The paper is essential to the success of telling Southwest's great story."

As Shannon said, "The lump in my throat at that moment could have been a watermelon. It literally was the difference between us continuing on and us possibly shutting down the paper. A true lifeline."

Fundraising is an integral part of running a free neighborhood newspaper with a staff made up completely of volunteers. To be able to combine the fundraising effort with such an enjoyable and festive event is an added bonus.

If you would like to contribute, our Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) code is 51122. Or you can send a check to P.O. Box 70131, Washington, DC 20024. Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and support *The Southwester*.

The Holiday Letter

By: Deborah Sherwood

What a magical time of year. People are brimming with generosity, carolers are singing in the shopping malls, and restless children are bursting with anticipation all while concerts, parties, decorated cookies, shiny wrapped packages, and bright twinkling lights abound.

I'm feeling quite in the holiday spirit as I enter my apartment and brush off the snow clinging to my red wool hat. I don my warm green flannel jammies embroidered with dancing reindeer, pop a few holiday CDs into my stereo, make myself a cup of hot cocoa with just a splash of peppermint schnapps, and settle in for a peaceful afternoon watching the snow fall. I listen to soft music and open the stack of holiday greeting cards piled on my dining room table.

The cards are a predictable mixture of snowmen, angels, camels, and ice skating penguins. Stuffed inside most of the cards are school pictures of grandchildren and photocopied letters filled with news of all the feats my friends have accomplished during the year.

Topping off my mug with another tiny splash of peppermint schnapps, it suddenly occurs to me that my friends are no doubt anxiously waiting me to inform them about the exciting things I have been doing all year. I'll just make a quick trip to Staples for a stack of holiday paper and a new color ink cartridge, then stop at the post office for some seasonally inspired stamps, write a brilliant and newsy letter, address the envelopes (providing I can locate my old address book), stamp the envelopes, and drop them in the mailbox. Except, it's snowing, I'm already in my reindeer jammies, and I waited too late to mail

them anyway. Besides, I'm not at all sure how to write a holiday letter.

It seems my only option is to email my letter. As I sip my hot cocoa, I search Google for "how to write a Christmas letter" and am thrilled to see 12,973,814 results. The suggestions include choosing a few highlights to elaborate upon and perhaps adding a favorite holiday recipe. It sounds easy enough, so here we go:

HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I hope this season finds you happy, healthy, and cozy warm. I have had a wonderful year living in our vibrant little quadrant of the city. I attended community and social events at our charming SW Duck Pond, bought fresh veggies at the Saturday morning farmers' market, and also enjoyed the SW Arts Fest, plays at Arena Stage, and watching the progress of the exciting Wharf redevelopment.

My son, Peyton, celebrated the second anniversary of his restaurant, The Kangaroo Boxing Club (*I should recommend that he add hot cocoa with peppermint schnapps to their holiday bar menu because it's really, really, really good*).

Living so close to Nationals Park afforded me the opportunity to attend many Nats games at the stadium. Peanuts, Cracker Jacks, and Merlot is a yummy combination on a balmy summer evening at the ballpark. On chilly December afternoons like this, however, I prefer a soothing mug of hot cocoa with an itty-bitty splash of peppermint schnapps (*what did I do with that bottle? Oh, there it is*).

I am relishing all of the perks that come with aging. I swapped my pretty green SmarTrip

card for a bright yellow one proclaiming my advanced years to the general Metro-riding public. As a bonus, I get senior discounts at movies, restaurants, and Nationals Park (*their red wine is surprisingly good, but not quite as tasty as this warm cocoa and peppermint schnapps. I think I'll add just one more teeny-weeny splash*).

My hectic life includes going out with old geezers, known as carbon dating, and finding fun ways to potentially break a hip, like swing dancing and playing Pickleball.

It seems my social status has progressed from just being tolerated to "cute little old lady." One afternoon, my date and I were enjoying a picnic at Lansburgh Park when a couple that must have been a few decades younger than us strolled by. The young woman smiled wistfully and remarked, "Aw, that's so sweet."

(*So, let's see. I highlighted a few events from the past year and what was the other thing I need to include? Maybe a tiny drop of peppermint schnapps will jog my memory...oh, yes, a holiday recipe.*)

Hot Cocoa with Peppermint Schnapps:

In a large mug mix two heaping tablespoons of cocoa mix with one cup of milk.

Heat in microwave 45 seconds.

Add four oz. of peppermint schnapps.

(*Whoa...computer chairs really should have seat belts...*)

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Amidon-Bowen Family Fun Day

By: Bruce DarConte

On Nov. 1, Amidon-Bowen held a Family Fun Day and Open House. Activities included soccer on the new field, computers in the library, imagination foam blocks in the cafeteria, and basketball in the gym. In addition, there was a bake sale to benefit the Amidon cheerleaders coached by Ms. Young and a raffle held by Brookland Collaborative.

Mr. Welles and Mr. DarConte conducted a tour of the school for parents and visitors, who included ANC 2B03 Commissioner Stephanie Maltz (Dupont Circle). Commissioner Maltz is a member of the Ward 2 Ed Network advocating for Ward 2 Schools who participated in the day's events to support Amidon-Bowen in Ward 6.

Ward 6 Councilmember Elect Charles Allen attended to show his support, chat with parents and teachers, and enjoy some of the fun.

In other news, Amidon-Bowen's Artist-in-Residence Sculpture was completed and is on display in front of the building.

On Dec. 2 at 6:00 pm there will be an



The Artist-in-Residence Sculpture.



Family Fun Day participants on a school tour.

important informational session about the DCPS lottery and enrollment process at Amidon-Bowen.

On Dec. 15 there will be a school Open House. Parents will have the opportunity to observe classes, meet teachers, tour the school, and ask any questions that might help them make this important decision about their child's schooling. The tour will meet in the lobby at 9:00 am.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Name? Jess Torres

Where did you move from? The Bronx by way of Astoria, NY.

When did you move here? Just a few days ago!

What is your first impression of Southwest? I was dodging puddles through the rain a few grey afternoons ago when I stumbled over two beautiful green and blue bracelets. I laughed to myself and thought, *my baby sister would be so into these*. If you can fall in love with a place

in the rain, finding some beautiful reminders to smile to yourself, imagine just how great the sunlight must feel when you wake up in the morning?

What are you looking forward to most after moving here? I'd like to call Southwest home, get involved in the community, and get a library card! According to the NY Public Library, I've owed them \$20 for the past 15 years. Time to start fresh, right?



Know someone that just moved in that you would like to recommend? Send a photo and answers to the above questions to editor@thesouthwester.com.

CLARK CONSTRUCTION

**Construction of Phase 1
of The Wharf located
at Southwest Waterfront
is now under construction.**

**Interested CBE/DBE
firms please see
www.thewharfproject.com
for bid information.**

Ten & Toy Social Event

Blind Whino (700 Delaware SW)

Friday, December 12
8 pm-12 midnight

DJ Sho Nuff

Cash Bar • Free Food

Contact: South (202) 340-4917

Photos of the Demolition of St. Augustine's

These photos were taken during the first two days of demolition at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on Oct. 30 and 31.
Photos by Perry Klein



Top left: Front view of the demolition.

Top right: Removing the side wall.

Center left: Demolition of the front of the church.

Center right: Recovering the Cornerstone

Bottom left: Elaine Graves with the recovered Cornerstone dated 1965. An exciting surprise was the existence of a time capsule inside the Cornerstone.

Bottom right: Photo by Corinne Scott:



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- 6:00PM:**
- ★ Delight as snow begins to fall along the waterfront
 - ★ Dance to live music produced by Jazz Night in Southwest
 - ★ Marvel at the decorated houseboats and docked vessels
 - ★ Watch the lighting of the Southwest Christmas Tree
 - ★ Pose for a photograph with a very jolly Santa Claus
 - ★ Be warmed by Water Street Park's roaring bonfire
 - ★ Test your skill at s'mores making and marshmallow roasting
 - ★ Sip hot chocolate and craft a holiday luminaire
 - ★ Show your creativity and decorate gingerbread cookies
 - ★ Wear a festive holiday balloon hat to celebrate the season
- 7:00PM:**
- ★ Herald the arrival of the parade of boats from Alexandria
 - ★ Vote for your very favorite decorated boat in the parade
- 7:45PM:**
- ★ Cheer at a water-filled salute to the John Glenn fireboat
 - ★ Applaud as parade and in-slip prize winners are announced

Parade of Lights is FREE and co-produced by Washington Waterfront Association and the Old Dominion Boat Club through the generosity of Hoffman-Madison Waterfront, developers of the District's new, world-class, mixed-use waterfront, The Wharf and the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association — with the support of Alexandria Fire Department, Cantina Marina, Capital Yacht Club, Destination DC, District of Columbia Fire Department, Entertainment Cruises, EventBrite, Gangplank Marina, Gangplank Slipholders Association, Jazz Night in Southwest, MPD Harbor Patrol, PhotoGenics, Port of Washington Yacht Club, Potomac Riverboat Company, RedPeg and Visit Alexandria, VA

This is a FREE outdoor event, held rain or snow. The Parade of Lights is best viewed in the District at 600 Water Street SW. Water Street Park is within four blocks of the L' Enfant Plaza and Waterfront Metrorail stops. Capital Bike Share is located at 600 Water Street SW. More event information regarding the District of Columbia Parade of Lights activities is online at www.wharfdc.com or available at 202-688-3590. To register a boat in the holiday parade visit www.paradeoflightedboats.eventbrite.com.

Yes, We're Open

By: Maya Renee

As I was handing out flyers to neighbors to visit the community center for an event, I was astonished at how many adults did not know where the Randall Community Center was located (on I Street).

Longtime residents said to me, "Randall School, that's closed," or "Oh, you mean the building by the pool?" Mostly I heard, "Oh, you mean the old dog pound." The kids remembered that last year, "We got to go on some trips and had pizza and other stuff." New members of the neighborhood gave me puzzling looks and said "Where on I Street?"

There was a nice turnout for the Spring Egg Roll, an event during which golden eggs hidden around the tennis courts and playground are hunted down by little kids, who were greatly entertained and then received prizes. Parents also enjoyed the break from mundane household activities and relaxed in an environment safe for their toddlers.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork has been holding Summer Camp and various youth oriented events at Randall since the grand opening in January 2014. The winter season did not include high participation numbers as people huddled at home, but the spring and summer seasons were

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Thinking about Jazz Celebrates Clifford Brown

By: Brian Hamilton

The short, but amazingly prolific life of jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown will be celebrated at Westminster Church's bi-monthly Thinking About Jazz (TAJ) series in Southwest DC on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 from 1-3:00 PM. Dr. Nick Catalano, professor of Literature and Music at Pace University, will speak about his book on Brown, "Clifford Brown: The Life and Art of the Legendary Jazz Trumpeter." Harmon Carey, childhood friend of Brown and executive director of the Afro-American Historical Society of Delaware will also be present.

Clifford Brown was born on Oct. 30, 1930 in Wilmington, Delaware. On his thirteenth birthday his father gave him a trumpet, which he mastered quickly, playing in school bands and other musical groups. Delaware State University, despite having no music department, awarded Brown a music scholarship. After a year at Delaware studying math, Brown transferred to Maryland State College where he played in and composed for the school's well-known 16-piece jazz band.

Brown soon began traveling to nearby Phila-



delphia where he sat in with such jazz greats as Dizzy Gillespie, Fats Navarro, and Charlie "Bird" Parker, all of whom liked to take credit for discovering his amazing talent. Also noted early in Brown's life were qualities that separated him from the stereotypes of jazz musicians in that he was known to be kind and humble, and also lived clean. Soon Brown moved on to Atlantic City and joined Lionel Hampton's band, which gave him the opportunity to tour Europe and play with many of the best musicians of the day. Upon returning to the U.S. he joined the Art Blakey Quintet, which gave him the chance to play and tour with West Coast musicians. In 1954 Brown teamed up with drummer Max Roach to form the popular Brown-Roach

Quintet.

Clifford Brown's influence lives on today. He combined his unique style, which was described as "attacking every note," with that of Charlie Parker's bebop, the form that came to be called "hard bop." His compositions and solos are revered by both students and contemporary jazz musicians. Saxophonist Benny Golson's musical tribute, "I Remember Clifford," has become a jazz standard. The tragedies in the lives of many performers often revolve around

drug and alcohol excesses. Clifford Brown never indulged in either, but his playing was halted for a year after an automobile accident in 1950 and his short life ended on June 27, 1956, the result of a second automobile accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Westminster Church is located at 400 I St. SW, just a few blocks from the Waterfront stop on Metro's green line. Parking is available in the church lot and on the street. Admission is free and a light lunch, also free, will be served. Lunch service starts at 12:30 PM, followed by the program at 1:00 PM. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and buy Dr. Catalano's book as well as win some door prizes. Please join us.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord Renunciation and the Pursuit of Perfection

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Parish Meeting Room).

December 2: Though Rich, He Became Poor
December 9: I Can See Clearly Now: Chastity and
Catching Sight of the Bridegroom
December 16: God is Annoying: Living a Life of Obedience
All are welcome

Advent Stations: O Come Emmanuel

Saturday December 13 at 7:00 p.m. (church)

Short readings and music by candlelight to prepare the mind and heart for Christmas. All are welcome.

Christmas Celebrations

December 24: Christmas Eve
5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas
9:00 p.m. Mass During the Night, "Midnight Mass"
December 25: Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas Day
December 31/January 1 Mary, Mother of God
5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass; 10:00 a.m. Solemnity Mass

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:15 PM
(Vigil of Sunday); Sunday 8:00 AM,
10:45 AM and 5:15 PM

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM
and 12:10 PM; Saturday 12:10 PM

Holyday Mass: 5:15 PM (Vigil);
8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:15 PM

Federal Holidays: 8:00 AM
Mass Only

Eucharist Adoration and Holy Hour:
Thursdays, 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday – Friday 11:55 AM - 12:10
PM; Saturday 4:30PM – 5:00 PM

Special Information

Religious Movie Seminar

**Sundays 6:30 p.m.
in the parish meeting room**

December 7: The Star of Bethlehem

December 14: The Nativity Story

New Year, New Mass Times (starting January 1, 2015)

- Saturday Vigil Mass of Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
- Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
Monday – Friday
- Saturday morning: 9:00 a.m.

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Photos from the Harris Teeter Grand Opening

Please enjoy these photos from the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Harris Teeter at 401 M St. SE on Nov. 4, 2014.

Photos by Perry Klein:



Top left: A crowd awaited the official opening of Harris Teeter at 401 M St. SE.

Top right: Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District President Michael Stevens



Store Manager Tim Porch and Councilmember Tommy Wells cut the ribbon at the Harris Teeter opening on Nov. 4.



Harris Teeter Store Manager Tim Porch (left) presented a \$5,000 check to Amidon-Bowen Elementary School representative Kano Hudson (center). Also in the photo is Councilmember Tommy Wells (center).

At right: Amidon-Bowen Elementary School Local Education Agency representative Kano Hudson with the \$5,000 donation check.



At far right: "Thank you Harris Teeter" - Amidon-Bowen Principal Izabela Miller with students. Photo by Amidon-Bowen



News from Waterfront Academy

Hispanic Heritage

The students of Waterfront Academy walked to the Smithsonian's Discovery Theater on the National Mall, had a picnic on the grass, and then enjoyed the show "Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres" to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month. "Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres" is a bilingual children's music show that celebrates Latin culture. Waterfront Academy is a bilingual school

and one of the tools that we use to keep the dual immersion culture at the school is to create an environment that places the Spanish language as the prestigious language and this field trip was a fun way to reinforce the Spanish they have been learning since the start of the school year. Our students thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing and practicing their Spanish words. It was truly a fun time had by all.



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage and Latin Culture doesn't need to be confined to only one month and we have several similar events and trips planned year-round.

100 Book Challenge

Waterfront Academy students started the 100 Book Challenge in October where the goal is for each student to read over 100 different books this school year. To make the challenge a little more manageable for our younger students, every 25 books is acknowledged with a small celebration. One of our students proved to be an especially eager reader. Madison breezed through her first milestone in just a few weeks, making her our first celebrated challenge reader. Great job, Madison!!

Reading is the cornerstone to a lifetime of learning and giving our students the gift of enjoyable reading is a priority. We encourage both free reading and writing here at school as well as at home.



Madison, first reader to finish the 100 Book Challenge

Pay for Metro with your smartphone or watch? Testing starts soon

Metro is planning a pilot program to test new fare technology and fare gates to allow riders to pay for their trip in new ways, including next-generation smartphones, NFC-enabled watches, contactless credit and debit cards, Federal ID cards, and more.

Metro recently announced a pilot program to test the new technology at 10 Metro-rail stations, six Metrobus routes, and two parking facilities, beginning in January.

The 10 Metro-rail stations selected for the pilot are: Shady Grove, Eisenhower Avenue, Bethesda, Pentagon City, Pentagon, Ballston, Gallery Place (7th & F), Farragut West, Navy Yard, and Suitland. In addition, parking facilities at Shady Grove and Suitland will be included in the pilot.

The six Metrobus routes selected for the pilot are: 37 (Wisconsin Ave Limited), X9 (Benning Rd-H St Limited), 39 (Pennsylvania Ave Limited), K9 (New Hampshire Ave Limited), J4 (College Park-Bethesda Limited), and REX (Richmond Highway Express).

Installation of new fare gates and bus and parking payment targets for the pilot began in October. Metro will begin recruiting custom-

ers to participate in the pilot within a matter of weeks.

The new fare system will allow riders to pay for their trip using a variety of new methods, without the need to convert U.S. currency to Metro fare value. For example, visitors to the region will be able to enter and exit the rail system and pay for their trip using many types

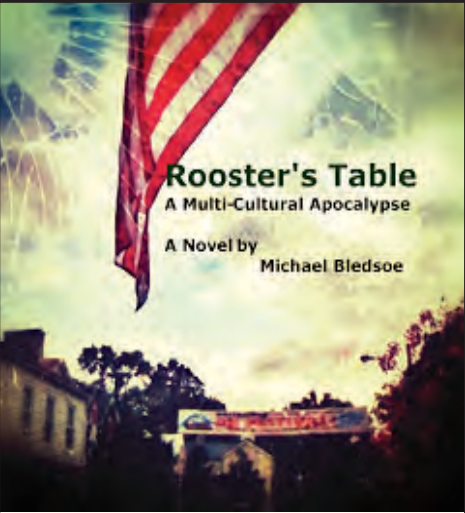


of NFC-equipped or contactless credit or debit cards and mobile devices, all without stopping at a fare machine or purchasing a SmartTrip card. Federal workers eventually will be able to use their workplace ID card.

If the pilot is successful, Metro plans to replace the now

decades-old fare gates and vending machines at station entrances across the system and add new payment targets onboard buses and at parking facilities, starting in 2017. The replacement of outmoded technology is expected to result in faster, more reliable fare payment for thousands of riders each day as they travel through Metro's rail, bus, and parking systems.

Design, development, and deployment of this new system will be a multi-year initiative. SmartTrip cards will continue to be accepted for the foreseeable future.



Rooster's Table

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'Fiddler' Shines on Its 50th Anniversary

By: Michael Nilo

If you have not been to Arena Stage, you should go. I have lived within a stone's throw of the theater for a year now, often walking by with my dog, but had only ever peered into the gigantic glass windows from the outside. So when a friend asked me to go see *Fiddler on the Roof* on its opening night at Arena Stage and write about the experience, I agreed.

I grew up going to New York City regularly with my family and, as a kid, a trip there usually included a show or a baseball game. I had never seen *Fiddler* on stage but I was familiar with the story from the movie and was curious how the big glass-encased theater around the corner would do with the show. I could not have been more impressed by the whole experience.

The building itself is brand new and beautiful. With lots of open areas, several levels, and outdoor space, it looks like the perfect space to host any event. The theater boasts three separate stages as well as classrooms and other meeting rooms. There is also the Catwalk Café, which offers a fixed price menu for two and a half hours before any show that looked delicious and which I will have to try on my next visit. As I wandered among the pre-show crowd and grabbed a drink, I noticed a few familiar faces, including neighbors who I normally only ever see in my lobby and politicians I recognized from the recent election posters.

We entered and descended the stairs to our seats in the intimate, four-sided Fichandler Stage. The show began with the fiddler sitting on the "roof," which hung above the stage. As Tevye (Jonathan Hadary, the Papa) entered from almost below me, I immediately realized that this would be a unique show because there was no true backstage. Actors and actresses entered from the corners or even from underneath the stage while the 680-seat crowd looked down on the stage from all sides. The show was fantastic. The stage direction and production made it so there wasn't a bad seat in the house. Dancers and singers played to all sides of the room. Without a curtain to hide behind, set changes came from all



Lyricist Sheldon Harnick speaking after the show.

sides and even through the floor. This enhanced the already great aspects of the show, such as the dream sequence.

The entire ensemble was great, especially the actors and actresses who played Tevye, Golde (Ann Arvia, the Mama), and Hodel (Hannah Corneau), who had me poring over the Playbill during intermission to find out what other shows they had been in. The cast and crew did a great job portraying the value of family, the celebration of life, and the question of tradition. The whole show and experience convinced me that I need to take advantage of this great venue more often and come to as many events as I can.

At the end of the show, I was surprised to find out that the lyricist for *Fiddler*, Sheldon Harnick, was in the audience for the 50th anniversary of the show. Molly Smith, the director, awarded Mr. Harnick with the American Artist Award. He complimented everyone involved with the show and said that in 50 years of seeing the show, he had never seen the dream sequence portrayed that well. Molly Smith also honored Senator Tim Kaine with the American Voice Award. The honors were followed by a dessert reception for

the whole audience. I was able to chat with a few of my neighbors and I was also able to snap a quick picture with Jonathan Hadary. I sent the picture to my parents to show them that I still

do some cultural things and found out that they had seen Mr. Hadary in his Tony award winning role in *Gypsy* on Broadway almost 25 years ago. Tradition!



Michael Nilo with Jonathan Hadary after the show.



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'Five Guys Named Moe' Opens at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

Who is Louis Jordan? Called "The King of the Jukebox" in his prime in the 1940s, his music lives on in the age of iPhones and he is known for his "jump blues" or "jumpin' jive." In a period of segregation, he was able to crossover with the number one hit single, "G.I. Jive/Is You or Is You Ain't My Baby," which he performed with his orchestra in Universal's 1944 wartime musical *Follow the Boys*. He scored 18 number one hit records and four of his songs are in the Grammy



Hall of Fame.

Nat King Cole, Bill Haley, Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Ray Charles, James Brown, BB King, and Chuck Berry are among the many entertainers who credit Jordan with influencing them. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame deemed him a forerunner of R&B and rock and roll.

Five Guys Named Moe at Arena Stage celebrates Jordan's life with some of his greatest hits. Big Moe, Four-Eyed Moe, Eat Moe, No Moe, and Little Mo sing, dance, and have a party on stage with classics like "Let the Good Times Roll." *Five Guys Named Moe* also won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Entertainment in 1991.

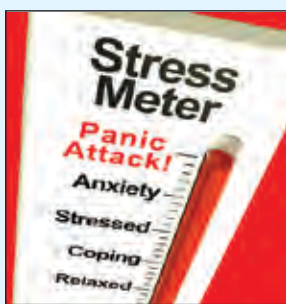
Jordan's place in both musical and African American cultural history was recognized in 2008 with a U.S. Postal Service stamp that featured Jordan and his film "Caldonia" as part of its tribute to Vintage Black Cinema. You too can give your own "stamp of approval" by getting a

ticket to this award-winning musical at Arena today.



Let Nothing Disturb You

By Pastor Ida Moss - www.MyGreaterWorks.org



In Philippians 4:6, the Apostle Paul tells us to "be anxious for nothing." But when we look at the many challenges that we face in life: uncertainty about the future, the potential for declining health, the possibility of need and lack - avoiding anxiety seems inconceivable. As difficult as it may be, Paul's words are filled with wisdom. I cannot think of a single time when worry helped to make a situation better. I am reminded of the story from the book of Exodus (ch. 16), when God fed the children of Israel with bread that rained from Heaven. It came each day for 40 years! At first, some tried to save a little for the next day - but it rotted. God wanted them to learn to trust Him day by day. Worry is caused by anticipating the future. The cure for worry is to realize that TODAY I have all I need!

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WHEN: Nov. 14 - Dec. 28

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SOUTHWEST NIGHT: Dec. 26 at 8:00 pm

Arena's Kogod Cradle Series for January 2015

By: Sheila Wickouski

WHAT: The Wild Root Company's *Room at the End of the Hall* by Rocco Natale. Late at night on the shore of a weathered lake house in Cape Cod, two estranged brothers, Doug and Malky, have returned to bury the ashes of their childhood caretaker.

WHEN: January 15-18, 2015

WHAT: UrbanArias' *Blue Viola* is a new opera with libretto by Matt Boresi and score by Peter Hilliard. The true story of a supposedly priceless viola that was stolen from a player of the Chicago Symphony in the 90s.

WHEN: January 31-February 1, 2015



WHAT: Moon Lake Productions' *A House of Glass* is a musical play about the life of Tennessee Williams, the complex, driven, flamboyant, and prolific genius who created many of the seminal works of the American

stage and screen. Book and lyrics by Shelley Herman Gillon and Harriet McFaul Pilger with music by Paul Leavitt.

WHEN: February 5-8, 2015

TICKETS AND INFORMATION: Tickets for the Kogod Cradle Series are \$10 and free to subscribers and members. For up-to-date information on the series and to purchase tickets, visit arenastage.org/artistic-development/new-play-institute/the-cradle-series/index.shtml. Tickets may also be purchased by phone at 202-488-3300.



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WED 3, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Game Club. Children ages 5-12 are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Southwest Neighborhood Library, 202-724-4752.**

WED 3, 7-9pm: Yoga for adults and teens. All ability levels welcome. Mats provided on site. **Southwest Neighborhood Library**

WED 3 11-11:45 A.M. Preschool Dance Class. Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for dance class presented by Tippi Toes (a waiver will need to be signed before the start of class). **Southwest Neighborhood Library, 202-724-4752.**

THURS 4, 5-5:45 P.M. Dance Class. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for a dance class presented by Tippi Toes (a waiver will need to be signed before the start of class). Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **ABC, 202-724-4752.**

SAT 6, 4-5:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra For Self Healing. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with a focus on healing body, mind and spirit. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call **202-746-6654** or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.**

SUN 7, 6:30 PM St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar. The Star of Bethlehem (2007). FREE. Everyone is welcome. Some people bring food to share, but no one is obligated. **St. Dominic Church , 630 E St SW**

MON 8, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th St. SW, 2nd floor meeting room. Call 554-1795 or visit www.anc6d.org

TUES 9, 7-9pm: Yoga for adults and teens. All ability levels welcome. Mats provided on site. **Southwest Neighborhood Library**

WED 10, 4:30-5:30 P.M. CREATE CLUB Children 5-12 years of age are invited to join us after-school for different creative activities each week. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SAT 13, 11 A.M. Recipe Swap. Bring your favorite recipe to exchange with your neighbors! **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SUN 14, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit. Children ages 4-12 are invited to join us for stories, crafts and the opportunity to read aloud to a P.A.L dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

SUN 14, 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar, The Nativity Story starring Keisha Castle-Hughes, Ciaran Hinds, and Alexander Siddig (2006). There is no obligation, but some people bring food to share. **St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW**

WED 17, 11 A.M.-1:00 P.M. SWWF/AARP Chapter #4751 invites members and guests to **a Holiday Luncheon at Ft. McNair's Officers Club,** McNair Room, 4th & P Sts SW. On-Site Parking Available, Picture ID is required. Reservations per person \$30.00. Southern Buffet: Ambrosia Salad, Mixed Baby Greens with assorted dressings, Southern Fried chicken, Shredded BBQ pork, Fried catfish, Fresh red skin Mashed potatoes, corn on the cob/Dessert Peach Cobbler or Pecan Pie. Checks payable to: SWWF/AARP CHAPTER #4751 and mail to: Ms. Inez Davis, Membership Chair, #3 16th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-6509 (Phone: 202-544-2313); **(WE WILL NOT COLLECT ANY CASH/ CHECKS AT THE DOOR.)** **Contacts: Evelyn B. Dors-ey, Chair -202-488-9685; Betty Jean T. Jones, President-202-554-0901**

WED 17, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Lego Club. Children ages 5-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Southwest Neighborhood Library.**

WED 17, 7-9pm: Yoga for adults and teens. All ability levels welcome. Mats provided on site. **Southwest Neighborhood Library**

THURS 1, 7:00 pm, ABC Committee, ANC6D at SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place, SW. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407,cfarlee@mindspring.com

SAT 20, 2:00 P.M. Holiday Party. Join us in celebrating the season with holiday-themed activities, snacks and karaoke singing. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Southwest Neighborhood Library**

SUN 21, 5:00 P.M. Candle Light Service, Hosted by Bethel DC 360 & Galilee AME, 60 Eye St SW. 202-479-2851

SAT 27, 1:15 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion “Behind the Beautiful Forevers” by Katherine Boo. Copies of this month’s title are available for checkout at the Information Desk.

SUN 28, 10:45 A.M. Special Funeral Service, Come and bury Unforgiveness, Grudges, Anger, Resentment, Animosity. All that could keep you back from moving forward in 2015! Bethel DC 360, 60 Eye St SW **202-479-2851**

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10-12 Noon, Saturdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center,** 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454

ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

ADULT YOGA, 6 P.M. Mondays, FREE, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 So. Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.** Mats available.

AFTER SCHOOL ACCESS, 3:30-5:00pm Ages 6-14 Homework Tutoring, snacks, Mondays and Fridays. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center,** 201 N Streets SW. 202-645-7454

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M., Monday –Friday, Ages 6-14. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454

BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME 10:30 A.M., Tuesdays, December 2nd, 9th and 16th (stories are not scheduled during the last two weeks of December). Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. **SW Neighborhood Library, 202-724-4752.**

BINGO FOR SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. 202-484-7700

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10-12 Noon, Tuesdays, **SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.**

TUES 2	DC Public Library website
TUES 9	Email Basics
TUES 16	Microsoft Word
TUES 23/30	No class scheduled
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COMPUTER CLASSES, 6-8 P.M., Mondays, DPR Certified Volunteer, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** 202-645-7454.

GAME CLUB, 4:30-5:30 P.M, Children from 5-12 years of age are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Southwest Neighborhood Library, 202-724-4752.**

HAND DANCING CLASSES, with Mr. Zeke, **12:30-3:30 P.M.** Saturdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center,** 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 Eye Street SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB CLUB, 12-2 P.M. Tuesdays, Ages 18 and older. Contacts: Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** 202-645-7454

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-7 P.M., Wed. Dec 3rd, 10th, & 17th. No program available for Dec. 24th or 31st. By Appointment Only (final appointment time available 6 P.M.) One hour length one on one appointments offering assistance with cover letters, resumes, applications and other aspects of the job search process. Stop by the library in person or call the information desk, 724-4298, to schedule an appointment. **SW Neighborhood Library.** Call 724-4298 or stop by to set up an appointment.

The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, every 1st & 3rd Saturday, **SW Neighborhood Library.** Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY 9:30-12:30 P.M. Tuesdays and Fridays is offering help in areas of Family Law, Public Benefits and more in Southwest. Free for DC residents who meet certain income guidelines. **Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave SW. Call 202-863-9014 or Legal Aid Society 202-628-1161**

LITTLE FARM STAND, 10 A.M.-12 P.M. Saturdays, May through December at the **Southwest Duck Pond.** With organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves from Loudoun County’s Red Gate Farm. www.littlefarmstand.com

MACHINE PITCH, 5-6 P.M., Ages 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson.

MOVIE NIGHT, 7-8:30 P.M., Ages 14-19, Fridays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Michael Wilson 202-645-7454.

NARFE-The National Active and Retired Federal Employees, 1:30-2:30 P.M., every fourth Thursday through May. **SW Neighborhood Library,** basement meeting room.

OPEN COMPUTER TIME, 3-7 P.M. Mondays, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M. December 4th, 11th and 18th (story times are not scheduled during the last two weeks of Dec.). Put on your pajamas, grab your teddy bear and join us in the Children’s Room for a story time before heading to bed! We’ll read stories, sing songs and perform finger plays together. For children of all ages and their families. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.,** every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th Street SE.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., December 3rd, 10th and 17th (story times are not scheduled during the last two weeks of Dec.). Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows storytime each week. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. **SW Neighborhood Library, 202-724-4752.**

SASSY SENIORS, Monthly trips to play bingo, have parties, chat and chews, exercise and a great deal of other things. Come and sign up to participate. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker 202-645-7454.

SEATED YOGA, 11 A.M.-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

SENIOR CARDIO EXERCISE, 11 A.M.-Noon, Wednesdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Gary Williams.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **7PM Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

STEP 2 IT, 6-7 P.M., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come work up a sweat with Instructor Paul Taylor. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 Eye Street SW.

TEEN CLUB, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Fridays, **Ages 14-19.** **King Greenleaf Recreation Center,** Contact Angela Venable.

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11-12 P.M., Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. **Christ United Methodist Church,** 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, **4 P.M.** Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). **6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Thursdays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center,** 820 So. Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

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The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), publisher of The Southwester is now included in the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). If you are a federal worker, retiree or federal contractor, you can contribute to SWNA’s programs by going to www.cfcnca.org/donors/donate-now/donate-tool. Our CFC Code is 51122. The CFC Campaign ends December 15.

St. Matthew's Says 'Thank You' with Free Christmas Trees for Southwest

By: Rev. Phillip C. Huber

Over the past six years, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has sold Christmas trees at cost to the Southwest community from its property at 222 M St. SW. This year they are doing something new. There will be a Christmas tree giveaway on Saturday, Dec. 13.

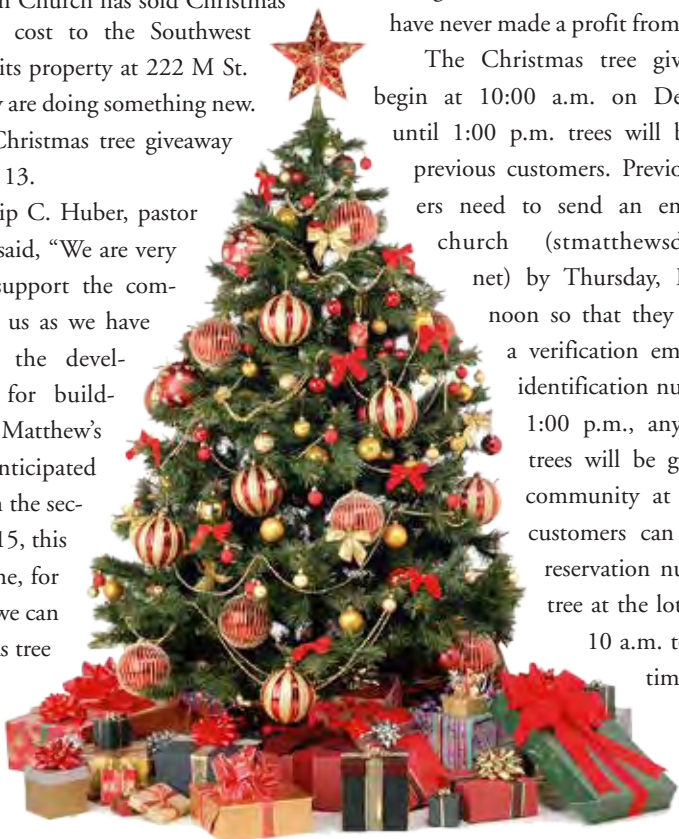
The Rev. Phillip C. Huber, pastor of St. Matthew's, said, "We are very grateful for the support the community has given us as we have worked through the development process for building the new St. Matthew's Church. With anticipated groundbreaking in the second quarter of 2015, this will be the last time, for a couple of years, we can have the Christmas tree outreach event on our property. So, to say thank you to the community, we decided to give the trees away this year. Giving them away is consistent with the congregation's goals for this event: to

let the community know we are still here, show the community the new church design, and do something of value for the community. We have never made a profit from this event."

The Christmas tree giveaway will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 13 and until 1:00 p.m. trees will be given to previous customers. Previous customers need to send an email to the church (stmatthewsdc@hughes.net) by Thursday, Dec. 11 at noon so that they can receive a verification email with an identification number. After 1:00 p.m., any remaining trees will be given to the community at large. New customers can pick up a reservation number for a tree at the lot during the 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. time period.

The congregation will also be offering free

food and beverages for the community and a free Christmas CD, while supplies last.



OPEN

From p. 6

filled with neighborhood youths waiting to go to Cameron Run Water Park or Crofton Go-Karts. The Community Yard Sale didn't quite take off, but luckily the nearby churches were going strong for yard sales for the summer.

During the week, the open and serene indoor space is perfect for getting in tune with one's body while the yoga instructor softly coaches you into postures of relaxation.

With the big doors open and the music floating outside, you can hear the commanding voice of instructions by the energetic Zumba instructor. This class has become a favorite among ladies and men. The hour-long class featuring movement and good music has been regularly attended and most keep coming back for more.

Now here we are in the fall season and the coolness of the air has us pulling out our sweaters and coats; it's so easy to just stay indoors and watch movies. However, all the new housing and dining options rapidly filling out both sides of South Capitol Street can only mean there are lots of new people to meet.

Let's not lose the summer momentum and give in to the early sunset. What if you had a place where you could go to unwind for an hour or two and create something, learn something new, or help someone to reach their potential, right down the street? That is where Randall comes in; we are open and ready to welcome you inside. When you take your pooch for that much needed walk, why not stop by, check out the events listed, and make a note to come back? Oh, and please leave a suggestion or two for activities. This little brick building is still here and yes, we're open for you.



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Jenny's on the Southwest Waterfront

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Until then, we wish everyone happy holidays!



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